

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Hideyuki Takahashi et al.

Confirmation Number: **2772**

Serial No.: **09/856,497**

Group Art Unit: **3721**

Filed: **September 24, 2001**

Examiner: **Louis K. Huynh**

For: **MEDICATION FILLING APPARATUS**

Attorney Docket: **010696**

RE-SUBMISSION OF AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450

Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: **March 3, 2004**

Sir:

The Examiner telephoned the undersigned attorney on March 3, 2004 to inquire about the attached amendment, which was lost in the PTO. A true copy of the paper submitted by the undersigned on November 19, 2003, is now re-submitted (attached hereto). Also attached is a copy of the receipt postcard showing receipt by the PTO. No fee is due, but any fees needed to enter these papers may be charged to Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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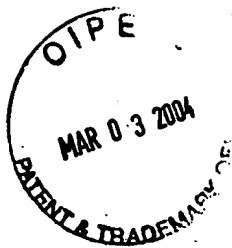
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Sir:

This paper is in response to the Office Action mailed on August 19, 2003. No extension fee is due. An authorization to charge appears below.

Claims 1-11 were pending in this application. Claims 6-9 were withdrawn from consideration and are now been canceled without prejudice to re-entry. Claims 12-21 are newly added. The new claims are patentable because they describe novel and unobvious subject matter, and for the reasons set forth below.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 8.

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